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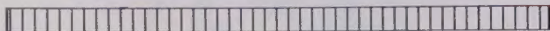
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5.15pm

**Newcastle
Breakers**

Youth

v

**Parramatta
Eagles Youth**

7.30pm

**NEWCASTLE
BREAKERS**

v

**SOUTH
MELBOURNE**

KOSSIES CORNER

Never again will I say we've got a player back from injury until he is fully fit. I certainly put the mockers on Gary Wilson in my last column when I said he'd be available for our heavy match schedule in March. Gary damaged his medial knee ligaments in the Youth team match against ACT Academy and will not be available for the rest of the season. The positive side of it is that 'Wilso' has now got the entire off-season to get really fit and get off to a good start next time around.

On the subject of fitness the Breakers have struck a deal with Newcastle University Sports Association for the use of their gymnasium and we've now started a light strength and conditioning program. Unfortunately not all of the team are able to attend the early morning sessions because of work commitments but I'm happy to say we'll certainly dedicate some of pre-season time to building strength. In the case of Shayne Pryce and Glen Moore I've seen more meat on a butcher's pencil, so a few months in the gym will not go astray.

I would like to say a special thanks to the Valentine Soccer Club for allowing us the use of their ground and facilities for training while Breakers Stadium is recovering from top dressing. Their show of support is exactly the type of unity that's required from Newcastle's soccer population to ensure long term growth and success at the highest level



John Kosmina

NEWS BREAKERS

NEWCASTLE AUTO AIR

Player of the Match Points for the

NBN Club Player of the Year 1995/6

Craig Carter
Troy Halpin
Ralph Maier, Craig Sharpley
Stephen Hickman
Jason Bennett
Andy Roberts, Glenn Sprod
Clayton Zane, Gary Wilson, David Lowe
Harry James, Adam Sanderson
Glenn Moore, Shayne Pryce, Darren Stewart
Nick Johns, Scott Thomas

17 Pts
12 Pts
11 Pts
9 Pts
8 Pts
7 Pts
6 Pts
5 Pts
3 Pts
1 Pt

BREAKERS PLAYER'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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MATCH

Canberra Cosmos/
ACT Academy

SENIORS

Troy HALPIN

YOUTH

Corey FILIPCEVIC

Wollongong City Stephen HICKMAN Ryan SMITH

YOUTH NEWS



Colours: Blue, Red & White

Coach: Joe Senkalski

With two thirds of the 95/96 season now behind us it may be time to begin assessing for the future. The wonderful human factor called 'adaption' is certain to be high on the assessment criteria. Which players can, will and have adapted to the higher level of intelligence needed to claim a shirt in the towns number one youth team.

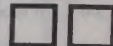
A month of strong performances against teams in the lower half of the table saw a number of players stand out and clearly show that there has been some adaption and improvement since the first round where matches were lost needlessly and handed to the opposition as 'presents'. To get to the point, we then meet two teams pushing for top four spots. Teams that don't give 'present' goals away, don't give possession away in the back third and know how to maintain composure, shape, alertness, etc. for 95 minutes if necessary.

The Breakers matched the ACT Academy in all areas in their last home match but were unable to press home the advantage of being the home team and playing against 10 men. I didn't see too many players dominating their opponent. Plenty matched them but none dominated and a few need to reassess. The 0-1 scoreline was frustrating for most and again points were given away that should have stayed in the Hunter Valley. Doug West was voted 'players player'.

Youth Squad:

1. SWANCOTT, BRAD
2. KNOTT, LINKON
3. JOHNS, NICK
4. SMITH, RYAN
5. WIECZOREK, BRAD
6. BERRY, GAVIN
7. ROUTLEDGE, ADAM
8. MATTHEWS, CHRIS
9. FILIPCEVIC, COREY
10. MAJUROVSKI, TONY
11. HEATH, EVIS
12. COUSINS, CHRIS
13. LOCKE, SHANE
14. WEST, DOUG
15. HODGSON, DAVID
16. THOMPSON, AARON
- 17.
- 18.
- 19.
20. DEEG, GARETH

SCORE



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MEET SOUTH MELBOURNE

Tonight we welcome Frank Arok's South Melbourne team to Breakers Stadium. Souths is a team that is bursting with players that are mobile and have good technique. Frank Arok likes his players to continually pressure opposing teams in their own half, and he has the players to do it. The technical ability and cleverly timed runs of striker Paul Trimboli makes him a hard player for any defence to handle. He is well supported by the tireless Vaughan Coveny and the determination of veteran midfielder Mike Petersen. The ability of Kevin Muscat in the defence is appreciated by all Oz soccer supporters with his efforts in the National team, and goal keeper Dean Anastasiadis has been in fine form. However South have been struggling to find consistant form that Coach Arok wants. They let in more goals than they have scored (35 against to 31 for) and have lost ten matches and won eight. Souths played out a tough nil-all draw with the Brisbane Strikers last week and they will be prepared for the Breakers looking to avenge the Johnnie Walker Cup Final loss.



SENIORS TRAIN AT VALENTINE PARK

As mentioned in Kossie's column, we are currently using Valentine Park as our training venue for the Seniors as we have top dressed and fertilized our ground. The Club wishes to express their sincere thanks to Valentine and in particular Bob Austin for this kind gesture.

YOUTH NEWS (Continued)

The road trip to Wollonong saw the young Breakers play another top four challenger. A great first half saw the score remain 0-0. We were dominating at last but were unable to turn chances into goals. The break was enough to allow some players to fall asleep and sure enough the 'Gong' scored soon with a quick free kick that caught the Breakers backline dreaming of the half time 'pat on the back'. With time running out, skipper Ryan Smith played a neat one-two with Brad Wiecezorek and curled a 20 metre shot into the net to earn a well deserved share of the points. Complete relief for Brad who was the one 'napping' for the 'Gong's' goal, and well done to both defenders who are now putting pressure on a forward line that have forgot their number one job to score goals. Players player was Ryan Smith.

...from the bench

TONIGHTS TEAMS



NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

COLOURS: BLUE, RED & WHITE



SOUTH MELBOURNE

COLOURS: ROYAL BLUE & WHITE

CRAIG	CARTER	1	DEAN	ANASTASIADIS	1
ADAM	SANDERSON	2	CON	BLATSI	2
STEPHEN	HICKMAN	3	STEVEN	MANGOS	3
RALPH	MAIER	4	ALEX	KUZMANOVIC	4
ANDY	ROBERTS	5	MIKE	VALKANIS	5
GARY	WILSON	6	CON	ANTHOPOULOS	6
CRAIG	SHARPLEY	7	STEVE	PANOPOULOS	7
DAVID	LOWE (CAPT)	8	VAUGHAN	COVENY	8
TROY	HALPIN	9	PAUL	TRIMBOLI (CPT)	9
CLAYTON	ZANE	10	AJIM	SHERIFOVSKI	11
DAMIAN	BROWN	11	BILL	DAMIANOS	12
GLEN	MOORE	12	CRAIG	LEWIS	13
HARRY	JAMES	13	MIKE	PETERSEN	14
JASON	BENNETT	14	JEAN PAUL	KNEZEVIC	15
SCOTT	THOMAS	15	TANSEL	BASER	16
SHAYNE	PRYCE	16	SASA	NIKOLIC	17
GLENN	SPROD	17	MICHAEL	CURCIJA	18
DARREN	STEWART	18	DANIEL	ALSOPP	19
NICK	JOHNS	19	ALEX	DURIC	21
ADAM	FITTOCK	20	KEVIN	MUSCAT	22
PETER	RICHIE	21	MICHAEL	PETKOVIC	23
			NICK	ORLIC	24

COACH: John KOSMINA

COACH: Frank AROK

HALF TIME
SCORE

FULL TIME
SCORE

STATISTICS 1995/6

THIS Weeks Fixtures

Newcastle Breakers v South Melbourne
 Morwell Falcons v Canberra Cosmos
 Brisbane Strikers v UTS Olympic
 Sydney United v Adelaide City
 Melbourne Knights v Wollongong City
 West Adelaide v Marconi Fairfield

NEXT Weeks Fixtures

Newcastle Breakers v UTS Olympic
 Brisbane Strikers v Marconi Fairfield
 Morwell Falcons v Wollongong City
 Adelaide City v Canberra Cosmos
 Melbourne Knights v South Melbourne
 Sydney United v West Adelaide

WARNING

The following announcement is a requirement of the Ericsson Cup Competition:

By Law 5.17.1(a) Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted.

By Law 5.17.1(b) All spectators are requested to vacate the ground within 15 minutes of the end of the final game.

Police may be requested to remove any unauthorised persons who remain after the stipulated time.

Breakers Hotline Numbers

For the latest information ring:

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0055 20205

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LEAGUE TABLES 1995/6

ERICSSON CUP

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
UTS Olympic	21	13	5	3	42	23	44	+19
Marconi Fairfield	21	13	4	4	41	23	43	+18
Brisbane Strikers	21	11	4	6	35	22	37	+13
Sydney United	21	8	8	5	26	20	32	+6
West Adelaide	21	9	4	8	30	28	31	+2
Melbourne Knights	20	8	6	6	21	16	30	+5
Adelaide City	20	8	4	8	33	27	28	+6
South Melbourne	21	8	3	10	31	35	27	-4
Morwell Falcons	20	7	4	9	23	35	25	-12
Canberra Cosmos	21	5	7	9	36	39	22	-3
Wollongong City	21	4	2	15	19	45	14	-26
Newcastle Breakers	20	2	5	13	21	45	11	-24

LES SCHEINFLUG CUP

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Marconi Fairfield	20	15	1	4	64	16	46	+48
AIS	21	14	2	5	67	28	44	+39
Sydney United	20	13	0	7	40	25	39	+15
ACT Academy	21	12	2	7	40	39	38	+1
Wollongong City	21	11	3	7	46	40	36	+6
Qld Academy	19	9	1	9	50	33	28	+17
UTS Olympic	19	8	4	7	40	28	28	+12
Parramatta Eagles	21	7	6	8	36	36	27	0
Newcastle Breakers	21	7	3	11	34	43	24	-9
Blacktown City	20	5	4	11	32	66	19	-34
NSW ITC	20	3	0	17	21	72	9	-51
St George Saints	17	2	2	13	14	58	8	-44

THE PLAYERS PAGE

An interview with...

**CLENN
 /PROD**

Date of Birth? 2 MAY 1974

Nickname? 'SPRODDY'

Other Senior Clubs EXETER CITY, PARRAMATTA EAGLES,
 you've played for?

What would improve BECOME FULLY PROFESSIONAL
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Most memorable AUSTRALIA V ARGENTINA '88 4-1 VICTORY
 Socceroo match?

What did you ask from Santa last year? LOTTO WIN

Favourite Restaurant? MCDONALDS

Stranded on a desert island. GIRL FRIEND NATALIE
 Who with?

Which player did you idolise as a kid? LOTHAR MATTAEUS

What sport do you hate watching? HORSE RACING

Your favourite overseas Club? LIVERPOOL

Favourite passion at home? SLEEPING

Which Ericsson Cup ground do HEIDELBERG IN MELBOURNE
 you hate playing at a why?

1995/6 fixture list

Day	Date	Team	V	F	A	Scorers	Crowd
Fri	6th Oct	UTS Olympic	H	2	- 2	J Bennett, D Brown	6,837
Sat	14th Oct	Marconi Fairfield	A	0	- 2		4,597
Wed	18th Oct	West Adelaide	H	1	- 1	J Bennett	4,354
Sat	21st Oct	Brisbane Strikers	A	0	- 5		3,697
Sun	29th Oct	Sydney United	A	2	- 1	J Bennett, D Lowe[pen]	4,716
Fri	3rd Nov	Melbourne Knights	H	1	- 2	C Zane	4,994
Fri	10th Nov	Morwell Falcons	A	0	- 1		2,500
Fri	17th Nov	Adelaide City	H	2	- 1	C Zane, D Lowe[pen]	4,100
Sat	25th Nov	Canberra Cosmos	A	0	- 3		2,240
Fri	1st Dec	Wollongong City	H	1	- 2	D Brown	2,882
Wed	6th Dec	South Melbourne	A	1	- 3	J Bennett	4,340
Sun	10th Dec	UTS Olympic	H	0	- 4		4,375
Fri	15th Dec	Marconi Fairfield	A	0	- 2		3,399
Sat	23 Dec	West Adelaide	A	1	- 2	Own Goal	3,387
Tue	26th Dec	Brisbane Strikers	H	0	- 0		3,150
Fri	29th Dec	Sydney United	H	1	- 1	H James	4,038
Sun	7th Jan	Melbourne Knights	A	0	- 2		4,187
Fri	12 Jan	Brisbane Strikers	H	1	- 0	[CUP] G Spird	1,780
Sat	20 Jan	Brisbane Strikers	A	1	- 1	[CUP] G Moore	3,149
Tue	23 Jan	UTS Olympic	H	3	- 1	[CUP] G Moore, S Thomas, T Halpin	1,267
Thur	25 Jan	Adelaide City	H	3	- 1	[CUP] S Hickman, S Thomas, H James	1,625
Sat	27 Jan	South Melbourne	A	1	- 3	[CUP FINAL] S Hickman	4,000[est]
Fri	2nd Feb	Morwell Falcons	H	1	- 2	D Stewart	3,971
Fri	16th Feb	Canberra Cosmos	H	5	- 5	T Halpin [3], S Thomas, J Koch[og]	2,817
Fri	23rd Feb	Wollongong City	A	1	- 4	D Lowe[pen]	2,984
Fri	1st Mar	South Melbourne	H			at BREAKERS STADIUM	
Tue	5th Mar	Adelaide City	A			at HINDMARSH STADIUM	
Fri	8th Mar	UTS Olympic	H			at BREAKERS STADIUM	
Tues	12th Mar	Marconi Fairfield	A			at MARCONI STADIUM	
Fri	15th Mar	West Adelaide	H			at BREAKERS STADIUM	
Wed	20th Mar	Sydney United	A			at EDENSA PARK	
Sat	23rd Mar	Brisbane Strikers	A			at SUNCAP STADIUM	
Fri	29th Mar	Melbourne Knights	H			at BREAKERS STADIUM	
Sat	6th Apr	Morwell Falcons	A			at MORWELL FALCONS PARK	
Mon	8th Apr	Adelaide City	H			at BREAKERS STADIUM	
Sat	13th Apr	Canberra Cosmos	A			at BRUCE STADIUM	
Fri	19th Apr	Wollongong City	H			at BREAKERS STADIUM	
Sun	28th Apr	South Melbourne	A			at LAKESIDE STADIUM	

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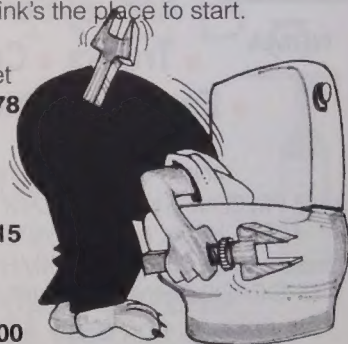
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